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GEORGIANS PUCKSTERS UNBEATEN IN QUAA PLAY

You can't help but notice a satisfied look on the faces of head hockey coach Paul Arsenault and assistant Bobby Philip.

The reason for their satisfaction--a 7-0 won-lost record the Sir George Williams Varsity hockey club has amassed in Quebec University Athletic Association conference play at the Christmas break.

The Georgians lead the QUAA with 14 points, four up on arch-rival Loyola, who they meet in their first post-holiday conference clash, January 7, 1972.

But, despite the fact the Christmas holidays are coming up, the Georgians will be busy during the next couple of weeks starting with an exhibition game this Saturday night at the McGill Arena. Their opponents The University of Toronto Varsity Blues--ranked No. 1 in last week's poll of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

The Blues, coached by Tom Watt, have won the CIAU hockey title for the past three years, starting their streak with a triumph over Sir George in Edmonton in 1969.

Watt has eight skaters returning from last season's championship team including all-Canadian defenceman Dave McDowall, who played junior hockey with St. Catharines Black Hawks of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A series.

Also back are veterans John Wright and left winger Gord Davies as well as Bill Buba and Brent Swanick.

Some of the newcomers are Dave Tataryn, a goaltender with Niagara Falls Flyers of the OHA and Bruce Durno, who was the first-string goalie with Harvard University.

So far this season, the Blues are 4-0-1 in Ontario Universities Athletic Association action.

Both the Georgians and the Blues will see each other again in Vancouver December 28-29 as they take part in a four-team tournament with University of Alberta and University of British Columbia. The tourney is being sponsored by Hockey Canada.

Meanwhile, the Georgians scored two big victories in QUAA play last week, to run their conference record to 7-0. Wednesday night, they dumped University of Montreal Carabins 6-3 and on Saturday, they spotted University of Quebec-Trois-Rivieres Patriots a 1-0 lead before roaring back with five unanswered goals to go on to an 8-2 triumph.

Bill Hattem, Ken Ekins, Phil Turner, Rory McKay, Don Atkinson and Ken Ekins each scored once in Wednesday's game to account for the Georgians offensive and goaltender Bernie Wolfe kicked out 37 of 40 shots propelled at him by the Carabins.

In Saturday's affair, two goals by John Murray and Tom Price paced Sir George over the weary Trois-Rivieres club. Ekins, Mark Shewchuck, McKay and Barry Cullen scored once each as Sir George fired 49 shots at Patriotes' goaltender Richard Nault.

Shewchuck's goal atoned somewhat for his failure to score on a penalty shot in the first period just after Trois-Rivieres had taken a 1-0 lead. Shewchuck was hauled down from behind and referee Lorne Wagner didn't hesitate in awarding the free shot.

Unfortunately for the top Georgians' scorer, he shot the puck right into the goaltender's pads. Shewchuck was also involved in a fight in the third period and scored a clear-cut decision.

SHEWCHUCK TOP POINT-GETTER

Rookie Mark Shewchuck continues to lead the Georgians scorers with 27 points on 14 goals and 13 assists followed by veteran John Murray who has 24 points with nine goals and 15 assists.

Barry Cullen is next with a 10-10 ledger for 20 points and Rory McKay and Mike McNamara found out the top five each with five goals and 14 assists for 19 points.

Speaking of McNamara, he was one of 36 candidates chosen to try out for the 18-man Canadian University team that will take part in the FISU games in Lake Placid, N.Y., in February.

As a result, McNamara will miss Saturday's game against the Varsity Blues.

Following is the scoring for all Georgians players to date:

VARSITY HOCKEY STATISTICS AS OF DECEMBER 13, 1971

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>				<u>LEAGUE & EXHIBITION</u>			
	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PIM</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PIM</u>
Shewchuck	6	10	16	19	14	13	27	52
Murray	5	6	11	4	9	15	24	10
Cullen	8	5	13	2	10	10	20	20
McNamara	4	5	9	6	5	14	19	42
McKay	4	10	14	21	5	14	19	33
Hatten	2	12	14	12	4	14	18	42
Moore	1	5	6	0	5	7	12	2
Turner	3	5	8	6	6	6	12	6
Price	4	3	7	0	5	7	12	6
Ekins	3	2	5	2	4	3	7	4
Quennville	2	1	3	0	3	2	5	2
Atkinson	1	1	2	11	2	3	5	16
Tower	0	3	3	24	0	4	4	54
Thibault	0	2	2	2	1	2	3	4
Cuttini	1	0	1	7	2	1	3	17
Sherriffs	2	0	2	5	2	0	2	7
Bedard	0	0	0	8	0	2	2	10
Kucyniak	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	2
Paterson	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	2
Wolfe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10

GEORGIAN GOAL KEEPERS (DECEMBER 13, 1971)

League

	<u>GP</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>SHOTS</u>	<u>SAVES</u>	<u>S.O.</u>	<u>G.A. AVERAGE</u>
Wolfe	7	16	204	188	1	2.28

Total

	<u>GP</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>SHOTS</u>	<u>SAVES</u>	<u>S.O.</u>	<u>G.A. AVERAGE</u>
Wolfe	14	48	500	452	1	3.27
Boyce	—	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL	15	52	512	460	1	3.46

BASKETBALL

The Sir George Williams University basketball team played its best game of the early season last Wednesday night as they became the first team to defeat Loyola College in a league game in over four years. Loyola's winning streak had reached 66 games before Sir George pulled out a 86-85 victory.

Sir George was forced once again to play catch up ball as Loyola took an early lead behind the hot shooting of Trevor Briggs and Wayne Hussey. The Georgians employed a full court zone press but it failed to bother the Warriors. The Warriors constantly worked the ball in close, setting up easy baskets by Briggs and Greg Gill. When the Georgians sagged in, Hussey and John Dore hit from the outside.

The Georgians, however had trouble generating their offence. Loyola concentrated on stopping Georgian's ace Tom Brethel by double-teaming him everytime he started to drive towards the basket. The only effective offensive player for Sir George was Terry O'Brien who canned ten first-half points.

With seven minutes remaining in the first half both Briggs and 6'7" center Bob Breen left the game because of foul trouble and it appeared as if the smaller Georgians might cut into a 15 point Loyola lead. However, Loyola continued to roll and built up a 54-29 halftime lead. Trevor Briggs was the Warriors' big man with 18 points.

The Georgians were forced to play catch-up ball in the second half as they continued to press the Warriors full court. The two teams traded baskets for the first few minutes until Brethel and Jeff Neiman came off the bench with 13 minutes to play to spark the Georgians comeback. Working the press to perfection the Georgians made 11 second half interceptions as Neiman and Brethel forced the warriors into continual turnovers. Brethel finally got the Georgians' attack untracked as he scored nine straight points to cut Loyola's lead to twelve points. Two Loyola timeouts failed to stop the Georgian rally as O'Brien, Brethel, Hickey and neiman took turns scoring. Chris Countess, a veteran of four Georgian seasons, came off the bench and hit for three straight baskets as the Georgians cut Loyola's lead to two points with four minutes remaining. Brethel's two foul shots tied the score at 81-81 and Countess put the Georgians ahead 83-81. Greg Gill tied the score with two foul shots, but Brethel came back with a bucket to put Sir George ahead 85-83. Sir George stole the ball on the next play but threw the ball away. When Loyola came down they missed the shot but Sir George threw the ball away once more. Loyola cashed in as John Dore's jump shot knotted the score at 85-85. Brethel then made one of two foul shots, with 40 seconds left. Loyola then missed a shot and Terry O'Brien grabbed the rebound. Loyola was forced to foul with 14 seconds left but the Georgians didn't cash in and the Warriors had one last chance. But Peter Hargrove blocked a last second shot and Brethel grabbed the rebound giving the Georgians its third straight league triumph.

Tom Brethel was high man for Sir George with 23 points 21 of them in the second half. Terry O'Brien added 19, as well as leading Sir George in rebounding. Mike Hickey collected 18 and Countess had 10, all in the second half. Trevor Briggs led Loyola with 20, 18 of them in the first half. Greg Gill tallied 17, Wayne Hussey 16 and John Dore had 13.

The Georgians' bright spot of the game was the play of its bench. Both Neiman and Countess played their best games of the season as they tallied Sir George in the second half. Besides scoring nine points, Neiman was outstanding on defense.

Peter Hargrove also played a steady game helping set up the Georgian press while grabbing several key rebounds.

The Georgians now have a month off before they return to face Laval University on January 7, 1972. Sir George will be closing the services of Chris Countess, an invaluable sub. for the Georgians this year. Countess is having an operation later this month and will not be able to return to action until the middle of February.

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